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For: Production Of The Lipidated Form Of The Peptidoglycan-Associated Lipoproteins Of Gram-**Negative Bacteria** 

On February 12, 2002, you issued a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), stating that the Oath or Declaration had not been executed by Applicant.

As I indicated in our telephone discussion this morning, when this application entered the U.S. National Stage on December 20, 2001, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the Applicant, Benjamin J. Metcalf, was included in the documents submitted.

As evidence of that fact, and in response to your suggestion, I enclose a postcard date stamped as received by the PCT/PTO on December 20, 2001. The postcard has the box marked "Oath/Declaration/Power of Attorney checked off. I also enclose a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed on November 28, 2001 by the Applicant, Benjamin J. Metcalf, which was included in the documents submitted on December 20, 2001.

It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant provided all the documents necessary to enter the U.S. National Stage on December 20, 2001, and Applicant respectfully submits that the Notification of Missing Requirements should be withdrawn.

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